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As the week began prices were higher on the larger sizes but unchanged on mediums except in New York where prices were higher on all sizes. As the week progressed New York prices were higher on the heavier weights and unchanged on mediums with all other area's prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient to closely balanced. All breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was fairly good. Offerings were tight to short of needs. Floor stocks were in a fully range, tight to adequate. Schedules were full time to reduced. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate with a fairly good demand. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-10 cents, mostly 5-9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. Retail demand ranged light to very good, usually moderate to good. Loose egg sales were light to instances moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was fairly good to instances good. Offerings were tight and held with confidence. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules full time to reduced this week. Trade sentiment fully steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	59-68	62-65
LARGE	58-67	60-63
MEDIUM	35-44	37-40

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,
Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. Trade sentiment was reported as fully steady. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for full trade needs. Breaking stock demand was fair for barely adequate to adequate offerings. Spent hen supplies were at least sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	66-80	69-72
LARGE	61-75	66-70
MEDIUM	37-50	41-44

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL MAR 03, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.50	55.00	42.50
SOUTHEAST	59.50	57.50	43.00
MIDWEST	52.50	50.50	38.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.50	59.50	46.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	57.90	55.79	42.80

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	03-07-06	02-28-06	03-08-05
Large	40-49	30-39	27-36
Medium	19-25	18-24	14-20

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - MAR 06, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.8	20.5	7.4	12.5	10.7	60.9
	Change	0.6	-1.5	0.0	-0.4	0.9	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.3	54.9	7.9	21.9	40.8	148.8
	Change	1.9	5.5	-0.7	4.2	-2.4	6%
Large	Curr Wk	33.2	132.2	66.9	80.3	110.0	422.6
	Change	0.9	17.6	15.4	4.9	5.0	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	65.6	18.6	17.7	31.5	146.6
	Change	1.5	7.1	1.2	-1.3	-3.1	4%
Small	Curr Wk	6.3	13.7	6.1	7.7	5.3	39.1
	Change	0.3	1.0	3.8	2.9	-2.8	15%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.0	39.1	10.5	10.4	5.3	68.3
	Change	0.2	-2.7	-2.5	-0.6	1.3	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.2	54.5	20.8	28.0	28.2	150.7
	Change	0.5	-3.3	2.2	6.7	1.4	5%
Total	Curr Wk	108.0	380.5	138.2	178.5	231.8	1037.0
Percent	Change	6%	7%	16%	10%	0%	7%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg		1,037.0		7%		168	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		215.0		-7%		35	

Total Shell Egg 1,252.0 4% 203
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

		NO	SO	SO	5-AREA	
		NORTHEAST	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
		102.1	356.8	118.8	162.1	231.5 971.3

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 04-MAR-06(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,244,799	31,424	11,087	6,113	2,506	4,284
PW	1,274,693	32,252	11,498	6,164	2,902	4,387
Last Year	1,263,843	30,745	11,823	6,114	2,259	4,452
% Chg PWK	-2%	-3%	-4%	-1%	-14%	-2%
% Chg LY	-2%	2%	-6%	0%	11%	-4%
2006	11,495,696	280,521	109,001	60,101	28,042	39,405
2005	11,114,319	266,121	108,256	57,331	25,641	39,119
% Chg YTD	3%	5%	1%	5%	9%	1%
Average Yield Per Case -				Current	Previous	Last
				Week	Week	Year
(Inedible Included)				42.50	42.60	42.04
(Inedible Excluded)				39.06	39.16	38.52

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	572,795	46.0%	16,436	52.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	588,046	46.1%	16,026	49.7%
LAST YEAR	500,594	39.6%	13,712	44.6%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	FEB 25	MAR 4	FEB 25	MAR 4
	Thousand			
AL	*31,907	31,895	*21,339	21,298
AR	*30,994	30,868	*23,863	24,141
DE	3,920	3,872	5,648	5,207
FL	1,373	1,364	1,498	1,494
GA	34,816	34,827	*27,106	27,572
KY	*7,619	7,237	*5,839	4,992
LA	4,166	4,088	4,174	3,806
MD	8,871	8,977	5,022	5,194
MS	18,392	18,439	16,428	16,541
NC	*19,223	18,986	*15,346	15,346
OK	6,617	6,713	*5,391	5,241
PA	*4,214	3,874	*2,732	2,862
SC	5,339	5,444	4,338	5,152
TX	*15,189	15,266	*12,622	12,920
VA	6,410	6,577	*5,092	5,235
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,207	18,394	*16,606	16,748
19 State Total	*217,257	216,821	*173,044	173,749
Previous Year Total	213,989	214,750	176,799	176,267
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	98	99

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 15-Apr-06 is estimated at 159.6 million head. This compares to 159.9 million head the previous week and to 166.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.22 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/02/06-03/08/06

	CURRENT LDS	101.50	FUTURE LDS	97.75	TOTAL LDS	199.25
	SE	NE	MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	45.38	52.60	45.33	47.40	—	48.40
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—
GNR W 4	—	—	—	27.00	22.00	—
GNR BR 1	86.00	—	—	92.00	—	—
GL W J	—	—	63.00	65.00	50.60	—
GL W XL	—	64.22	57.63	60.14	50.58	57.50
GL W LG	—	62.73	54.50	59.00	50.40	51.00
GL W MD	37.00	40.00	33.17	35.08	29.73	32.00
GL W SM	24.25	26.75	22.46	24.23	20.00	22.33
NRBS - 48	28.00	30.00	—	—	—	28.50
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	21.50	—	—

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 04-MAR-2006

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	28.5	27.8	3	6
Boston	2.9	3.0	-3	-12
Chicago	84.6	80.1	6	17
Detroit	21.6	21.7	0	-8
Kansas City	3.8	4.3	-12	19
Los Angeles	103.5	120.7	-14	-6
New Orleans	4.9	6.0	-18	-30
New York	33.4	31.3	7	4
St. Louis	18.6	20.7	-10	8
San Francisco	18.0	19.1	-6	-12
Total	319.8	334.7	-4	1
4 Week Moving Avg.	327.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 04-Mar-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,086	2,511	23	2	4,622
Avg Wt	17.59	38.14	25.66	28.67	28.80
Last week	1,691	2,404	34	0	4,129
Same wk yr ago	1,466	2,470	25	0	3,961
Avg Wt	16.43	38.34	26.53	0.00	30.61
To-date/2006	14,742	22,111	185	32	37,070
To-date/2005	13,699	22,543	267	32	36,541

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 04-Mar-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
North East	739	4	24.40	(A) 740 24.40
South Atlantic	752	9	31.94	(A) 753 31.94
North Central	2,083	18	33.34	(A) 2,083 33.34
South Central	751	10	19.17	(A) 751 19.17
West	295	10	24.30	(A) 295 24.30
U.S. total	4,620(B)	12	28.80	2 4,622 28.80
To-date				
2006	37,038(B)		32	37,070
To-date				
2005	36,509(B)		32	36,541

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 23,000; for the current year to date 185,000; for last year to date 267,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 04-Mar-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	158,348	1,095	1,527	2,622	503
Avg Wt	5.34	3.33	7.96	6.03	6.56
Last week	158,438	1,054	1,516	2,570	544
Same wk yr ago	160,095	1,547	1,451	2,998	529
Avg Wt	5.24	3.35	8.01	5.61	6.80
To-date/2006	1,441,743	11,537	12,636	24,173	4,506
To-date/2005	1,411,064	12,815	11,602	24,417	4,581

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.6 million head, or 7.6 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Mar-06

	Current Week 03/11/06 (1)	Previous Week 03/04/06
Class----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	164,578 (2)	163,964
Light hens	1,000	1,122
Heavy hens	1,493	1,517
Total	167,071	166,603

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Mar-06 is 164.2 million head compared to 159.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.9 million head or 0.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-Mar-06 the estimated available is 164.3 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January 28	164.9	164.5	100%	5.35
February 4	165.3	165.4	100%	5.45
11	166.5	164.0	102%	5.41
18	164.3	164.0	100%	5.38
25	160.4	163.9	98%	5.48
March 4	160.3	163.4	98%	5.34
Year to date	1,459.2	1464.5	100%	
March 11		164.2		
18		164.3		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of

06-MAR-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	51.00-54.00	54.63	38	56.19	71
Los Angeles	76.00	73.76	68	71.51	127
New York	53.00-56.00	54.68	22	58.26	49

COMPOSITE W/A PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS (cents per lb)

	Change from		
06-MAR-2006	27-FEB-2006	27-FEB-2006	07-MAR-2005
62.55	-.39	62.94	71.74

NUMBER OF LOADS 558

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
February	63.19	2,309.60

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	66	66.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65.5-67	65.5	65.50	40
WESTERN REGION	66-67	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 03/06/06	3,419	69,602	68,311
AM 02/01/06	3,481	52,434	73,883
CHG	-62	17168	-5572
PCT CHG	-2%	33%	-8%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of December 31, 2005 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on February 1, 2006 are:

FROZEN EGGS	22 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	351 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	884 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 06-MAR-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.61
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.31

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

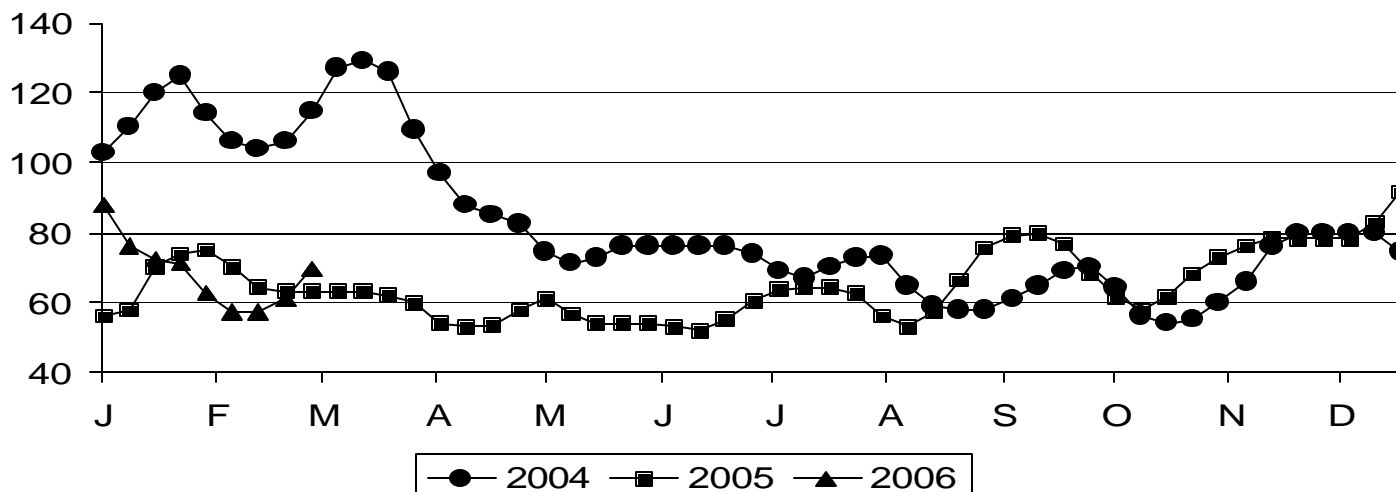
LIGHT TYPE Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

03-MAR-06	REMOVAL COST	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-11	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-10	5-9

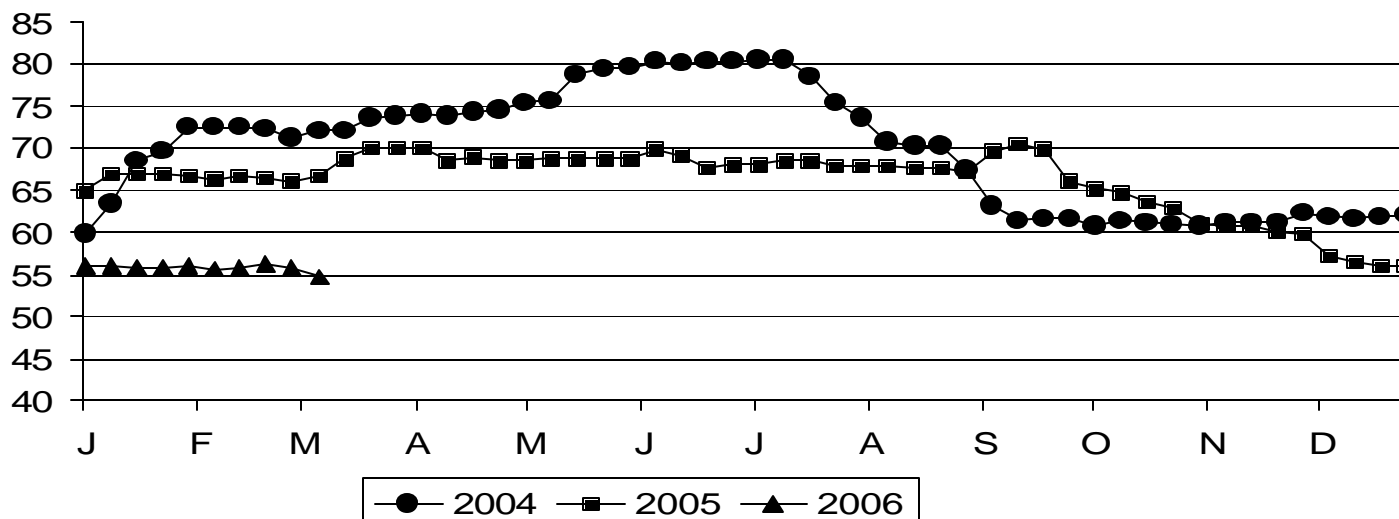
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 04-Mar-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	(Receipts From Producers) PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	212.8	4	1
East North Central	647.2	2	3
West North Central	297.6	0	3
South Atlantic	194.8	-1	-11
South Central	60.2	-13	-14
West	187.9	-4	-13
Total	1,600.5	0	-2
Matched plants reporting		84	84
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)			
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)			
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)			
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)			

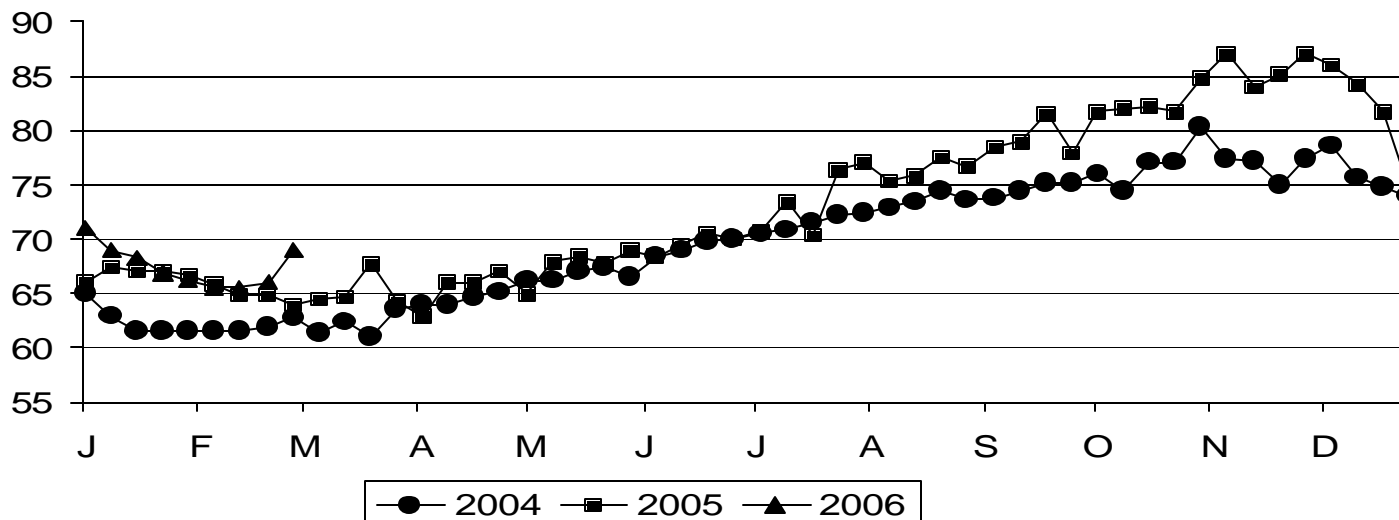
New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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